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### CLAIM LISTING

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the following listing, which replaces any and all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for facilitating biometric security in a transponder-reader transaction system, said method comprising:

determining if whether a transaction violates an established transaction limitation rule;

notifying a user to proffer a biometric sample to override said established transaction limitation ~~verify the identity of said user~~;

detecting a proffered biometric sample at a sensor communicating with said system to ~~obtain a proffered biometric sample~~;

verifying ~~the~~ said proffered biometric sample; and

authorizing said transaction ~~that violates an established rule~~ to proceed notwithstanding said established transaction limitation upon verification of ~~the~~ said proffered biometric sample.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of determining if whether a transaction violates an established transaction limitation rule includes determining if whether said transaction is at least one of a purchase exceeding an established per purchase spending limit, a purchase exceeding a preset number of transactions, any portion of a purchase using non-monetary funds, ~~and~~ a purchase exceeding an established limit, a minimum transaction amount, a maximum number of transactions within a time period, use by certain merchants, a temporal limitation, and a geographic limitation.

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3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of notifying includes providing notification by at least one of an audible signal, visual signal, optical signal, mechanical signal, vibration, blinking, signaling and beeping to said user.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of detecting further includes detecting a proffered biometric at a sensor configured to communicate with said system via at least one of a transponder, reader, and network.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of detecting includes at least one of: ~~detecting~~, storing, and processing a said proffered biometric sample.
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of detecting includes receiving a limited ~~finite~~ number of proffered biometric samples during a transaction.
7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, ~~wherein said step of detecting includes~~ further comprising logging each proffered biometric sample.
8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of detecting includes at least one of ~~detecting~~, processing and storing at least one second proffered biometric sample.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of verifying includes comparing a proffered biometric sample with a stored biometric sample.
10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein comparing a proffered biometric sample with a stored biometric sample includes comparing a proffered biometric sample with at least one of a biometric sample of a criminal, a terrorist, and a transponder user.
11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of verifying includes verifying a proffered biometric sample using information contained on at least one of a local database, a remote database, and a third-party controlled database.

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12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of verifying includes verifying a proffered biometric sample using one of a protocol/sequence controller and a third-party security vendor.
13. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising determining whether said proffered biometric sample is associated with a preset transaction limitation independent of said established transaction limitation associated with a financial account.
14. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein said preset transaction limitation comprises at least one of a maximum transaction amount, minimum transaction amount, maximum number of transactions within a time period, maximum number of transactions, use by certain merchants, temporal limitation, geographic limitation, and use of non-monetary funds.
15. (New) The method of claim 14, further comprising requiring a second proffered biometric sample to override said preset transaction limitation.
16. (New) The method of claim 9, wherein said stored biometric sample is stored by one of a third-party biometric security vendor and a governmental agency.